



## REQUIREMENTS FOR A PROFESSIONAL CLEAR SINGLE OR MULTIPLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL FOR TEACHERS PREPARED OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

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Your preliminary credential has been granted based on your out-of-state teacher preparation program. To obtain the professional clear credential, you must complete only the requirements listed on your preliminary credential. A definition of each requirement is listed below.

**1. Passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST)**

CBEST must be passed within one year of the issuance date of the preliminary credential in order for the holder to be eligible to continue teaching. (For more information, contact the CBEST Program, National Evaluation Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 340880, Sacramento, CA 95834-0880, (916) 928-4001, or toll free (800) 262-5080, or visit their website at [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com).)

**2. Developing English Language Skills, including Reading**

This requirement can be met by completing **one** of the following:

- a. complete a course in Developing English Language Skills including Reading course that is research-based and includes the study of phonemic awareness, spelling patterns, early intervention techniques, ongoing diagnostic techniques, a strong literature, language, and comprehension component (submit a copy of the course description or course syllabus for evaluation purposes)
- b. pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment ([RICA](#)) examination (available to Multiple Subject Teaching Credential holders only)

**3. Provisions and Principles of the U.S. Constitution**

This requirement can be met by completing **one** of the following:

- a. complete a course (at least two semester units or three quarter units) in the Provisions and Principles of the U.S. Constitution from a regionally accredited college or university (submit a course description or course syllabus for evaluation purposes)
- b. pass an examination in the Provisions and Principles of the U.S. Constitution given by a regionally-accredited college or university

**4. Subject-Matter Competence**

This requirement can be met by completing **one** of the following:

- a. pass all of the appropriate subject matter examination(s) for the Multiple Subject Credential (see [CL-674M](#)) or the Single Subject Credential (see [CL-674S](#))
- b. complete a Commission-approved subject-matter program, or its equivalent, at a California college or university. (Note to Multiple Subject Credential holders: this option is only available to individuals who were issued a Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential based on completion of an out-of-state program prior to July 1, 2004. Qualifying individuals must complete their subject matter course work prior to the expiration date of their preliminary credential. However, the availability of subject matter programs at California colleges or universities may be limited as they continue to phase out programs. This option is not available to individuals who were issued a Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential on or after July 1, 2004.) Verification of completion must be signed by the authorized person in the education department of the college or university with the approved program.

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- c. for Specialized Science subjects only, individuals may take and pass the appropriate subject matter examinations or obtain verification of completion of subject-matter course work from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Requirements and procedures are explained in [Coded Correspondence 03-0010](#)

5. Completion of one of the following:

**Option 1**

A Commission-approved [Professional Teacher Induction Program](#)

For individuals trained outside of the U.S., training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that covers infant, child and adult CPR skills must be verified. Submit a course description and a copy of the CPR card for evaluation purposes. This training must be completed while enrolled in a teacher preparation program or while teaching on a valid credential based on a teacher preparation program.

Individuals applying for the professional clear credential under Option 1 must submit their application through their approved Induction sponsor.

**Option 2**

A fifth year of study at a California college or university with a Commission-approved teacher preparation program, securing that institution's formal recommendation for the professional clear credential. The following must be verified if listed on your preliminary credential:

- complete a course and field experience in methods of delivering appropriate education services to students with exceptional needs in regular education programs. (Course components must include adapting programs and materials to meet the needs of exceptional students, the concept of "least restrictive environment," and exposure to state and federal laws pertaining to special education. Submit a copy of the course description for evaluation purposes.)
- complete foundational and advanced computer education course work, which includes general and specialized skills in the use of computers in an educational setting. (Submit a copy of the course description(s) for evaluation purposes.)
- individuals trained outside of the U.S. must complete a course in Health Education, including, but not limited to, nutrition; the physiological and sociological effects of alcohol, narcotic, and drug abuse, and the use of tobacco (This requirement must include verification of training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] that covers infant, child, and adult CPR skills. Submit a copy of the course description and CPR card for evaluation purposes.)

Individuals applying for the professional clear credential under Option 2 must contact their California college or university and obtain a formal recommendation.